

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-99 (cancelled)

100. (currently amended): ~~An apparatus as recited in claim 98,~~ A waxed corrugated cardboard cutting assembly, comprising:

a plurality of lower circular blades juxtaposed along a first common axis, said plurality of lower circular blades each including a first cutting edge; and

a plurality of upper circular blades juxtaposed along a second common axis, said plurality of upper circular blades each including a second cutting edge;

said plurality of lower and upper circular blades configured to slice the at least one waxed corrugated cardboard sheet placed therebetween into cardboard strips, whereby said first common axis is generally parallel to said second common axis, and said first cutting edge overlaps said second cutting edge;

wherein each of said cutting edges of said lower circular blades and said upper circular blades comprise a plurality of non-fluted teeth.

Claim 101-105 (cancelled)

106. (currently amended): ~~An apparatus as recited in claim 98, further~~ A waxed corrugated cardboard cutting assembly, comprising:

a plurality of lower circular blades juxtaposed along a first common axis, said plurality of lower circular blades each including a first cutting edge; and

a plurality of upper circular blades juxtaposed along a second common axis, said

plurality of upper circular blades each including a second cutting edge;

said plurality of lower and upper circular blades configured to slice the at least one waxed corrugated cardboard sheet placed therebetween into cardboard strips, whereby said first common axis is generally parallel to said second common axis, and said first cutting edge overlaps said second cutting edge;

(a) a lower guide plate which includes a plurality of slots through which said first cutting edges of said lower circular blades extend therethrough; and

(b) an upper guide plate which includes a plurality of slots through which said second cutting edges of said upper circular blades extend therethrough, wherein said lower guide plate and said upper guide plate form a channel therebetween for receiving and aligning waxed corrugated cardboard sheets for cutting by the circular blades.

Claims 107-131 (cancelled)

132. (currently amended): ~~An apparatus as recited in claim 98,~~ A waxed corrugated cardboard cutting assembly, comprising:

a plurality of lower circular blades juxtaposed along a first common axis, said plurality of lower circular blades each including a first cutting edge; and

a plurality of upper circular blades juxtaposed along a second common axis, said plurality of upper circular blades each including a second cutting edge;

said plurality of lower and upper circular blades configured to slice the at least one waxed corrugated cardboard sheet placed therebetween into cardboard strips, whereby said first common axis is generally parallel to said second common axis;

wherein said first cutting edge overlaps said second cutting edge[.]; and

wherein said circular blades are configured so that interaction between said upper circular blades and said lower circular blades proximal the location of cutting edge overlap causes corrugated cardboard being sliceably passed therethrough to exhibit cut edges containing significant fraying.

133. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 132, wherein said common axis of said circular blades is axially adjustable to provide control of the interface force between upper and lower circular blades.

134. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 132, wherein each of said cutting edges of said lower circular blades and said upper circular blades comprise a plurality of non-fluted teeth.

135. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 132, wherein said first common axis and said second common axis comprise a first shaft and a second shaft, respectively, whereupon rotation of said first shaft causes rotation of said lower circular blades and rotation of said second shaft causes rotation of said upper circular blades.

136. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 135, further comprising means for rotating said first and said second shafts.

137. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 136, wherein said first and said second shaft rotating means comprises spur gears.

138. (previously presented): An apparatus as recited in claim 132, further comprising:

(a) a lower guide plate which includes a plurality of slots through which said first cutting edges of said lower circular blades extend therethrough; and

(b) an upper guide plate which includes a plurality of slots through which said second cutting edges of said upper circular blades extend therethrough, wherein said lower guide plate and said upper guide plate form a channel therebetween for receiving and aligning waxed corrugated cardboard sheets for cutting by the circular blades.